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CONCLUSION

If the Examiner has any questions regarding Applicants' election, or if the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at (925) 472-5000.

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

In the claims:

Claims 64-66 have been added as follows:

- 64. The method of claim 31, wherein said polypeptide further comprises an amino acid selected from the group consisting of:
- (i) a valine residue at an amino acid position corresponding to amino acid position 432 of SEQ ID NO:1;
- (ii) a leucine residue at an amino acid position corresponding to amino acid position 437 of SEQ ID NO:1;
- (iii) an arginine residue at an amino acid position corresponding to amino acid position 444 of SEQ ID NO:1; and
- (iv) a glutamine residue at an amino acid position corresponding to amino acid position 451 of SEQ ID NO:1.
- 65. The method of claim 64, wherein said polypeptide comprises each of the amino acids listed as (i) to (iv).
- 66. The method of claim 31, wherein said polypeptide comprises at least about 100 amino acids.

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